

Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2010 and ending 06-30-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Western Governors University

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

4001 SOUTH 700 EAST

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84107

F Name and address of principal officer

DR ROBERT MENDENHALL

4001 SOUTH 700 EAST

SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84107

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: WWW WGU EDU

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation 1997

M State of legal domicile UT

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities TO OPERATE AND ADMINISTER AN ORGANIZATION OF HIGHER LEARNING	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	12
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	11
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	1,532
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	11
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	-10,935
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year3,833,005Current Year4,575,774
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	109,044,778145,675,293
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7 d)	1,149,7341,892,660
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,90370,132
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	114,029,420152,213,859
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	3,144,2275,597,264
Expenses	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	00
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	45,650,83771,957,371
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	00
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 99,922	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	55,024,06769,102,999
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	103,819,131146,657,634
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	10,210,2895,556,225
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year66,047,009End of Year81,700,540
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	38,605,89046,257,244
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	27,441,11935,443,296

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

DAVID GROW CFO

Type or print name and title

2012-02-28

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

ROBERT J COLE

Preparer's signature

ROBERT J COLE

Date

Check if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name

CBIZ MHM LLC

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

175 S WEST TEMPLE SUITE 650

SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84101

Phone no

(801) 364-9300

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O



















4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

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4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)			
	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instruction)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 	4 Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 	13 Yes	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	Yes	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35	Yes	
a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V <input type="checkbox"/>			
		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	330
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	1,532
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a12		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b11		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	Yes	
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)	15b	Yes	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ DAVID GROW 4001 SOUTH 700 EAST SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84107 (801) 274-3280

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors , institutional trustees , officers , key employees , highest compensated employees , and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DR ROBERT MENDENHALL PRESIDENT/TRUSTEE	40 0	X		X				785,001	0	42,500
(2) Kate Driscoll TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(3) Frank Alvarez TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(4) Dr Therese Crane TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(5) ROBERT E EVANSON TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(6) THE HONORABLE JIM GERINGER TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(7) THE HONORABLE MITCH DANIELS TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(8) DR BRENDA WILSON TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(9) THE HONORABLE JOHN HICKENLOOPER TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(10) DAVID SIMMONS TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(11) DR SAMUEL H SMITH CHAIRMAN/AUDIT COMMITTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(12) DR EMILY S DEROCCO TRUSTEE	1 0	X						0	0	0
(13) DAVID GROW VP FINANCE	40 0			X				216,302	0	37,981
(14) SAL MONACO FORMER PROVOST	40 0			X				215,312	0	19,966
(15) JANET SCHNITZ INTERIM PROVOST	40 0			X				164,746	0	15,090
(16) PATRICK G PARTRIDGE VP MARKETING	40 0				X			209,731	0	22,896

Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(17) DAVID WILSON CTO	40 0				X			184,413	0	27,152
(18) KENNETH SORBER STRATEGIC RELATIONS	40 0					X		143,057	0	19,913
(19) JANE A JONES-SCHENK DIRECTOR HEALTH	40 0					X		139,837	0	10,754
(20) ALEC TESTA PROGRAM DIRECTOR	40 0					X		136,258	0	5,991
(21) MARY RAMIREZ PROGRAM DIRECTOR - HEALTH PROF	40 0					X		134,470	0	5,820
(22) PHILIP SCHMIDT ASSOCIATE PROVOST - ACADEMIC	40 0					X		132,729	0	8,263
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								2,461,856	0	216,326

2

Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization▶22

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization		
	(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
	GOOGLE 1600 AMPHITHEATRE PARKWAY MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043	WEB MARKETING	9,644,313
	PEARSON ONE LAKE STREET UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ 07458	LEARNING RESOURCES	3,670,067
	DATAMARK PO BOX 701617 WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84170	MARKETING	3,324,306
	KRYTERION INC 7776 SOUTH POINTE PKWY WEST SUITE PHOENIX, AZ 85044	ASSESSMENT	2,789,840
	OPTIMEDIA 375 HUDSON ST 7TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10014	MARKETING	2,248,387
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶56		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,127,899			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,447,875			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		4,575,774			
	Program Service Revenue	2a		Business Code			
		TUITION AND FEES	611430	145,675,293	145,675,293		
b							
c							
d							
e							
f		All other program service revenue					
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		145,675,293			
Other Revenue		3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		1,390,810		1,390,810
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)			501,850		501,850
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			0		
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0		
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			0		
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a	OTHER INCOME	900099	70,132	70,132			
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		70,132				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		152,213,859	145,745,425		1,892,660	

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	5,597,264	5,597,264		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,001,521	1,199,398	802,123	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	54,015,554	49,382,407	4,551,455	81,692
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	2,352,185	2,168,813	181,386	1,986
9	Other employee benefits	9,413,614	8,404,358	1,002,901	6,355
10	Payroll taxes	4,174,497	3,840,910	329,510	4,077
a	Fees for services (non-employees)				
	Management	0			
b	Legal	105,853		105,853	
c	Accounting	260,883		260,883	
d	Lobbying	82,406		82,406	
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	316,274		316,274	
g	Other	11,221,728	8,579,478	2,642,250	
12	Advertising and promotion	24,852,876	24,852,876		
13	Office expenses	3,470,257	2,818,988	649,702	1,567
14	Information technology	5,962,562	5,468,962	493,600	
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	1,836,196	1,652,576	183,620	
17	Travel	2,735,580	2,631,595	103,937	48
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	313,600	253,334	56,821	3,445
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,249,658	2,024,692	224,966	0
23	Insurance	212,252	155,215	57,037	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	LEARNING RESOURCES	14,533,951	14,533,951		
b	BAD DEBT	433,806		433,806	
c	OTHER	515,117	337,393	176,972	752
d					
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	146,657,634	133,902,210	12,655,502	99,922
26	Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing				1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			17,855,705	2	9,178,865
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			426,878	3	122,080
	4	Accounts receivable, net			7,428,983	4	8,244,196
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers, and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			145,921	9	97,361
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	8,105,331			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	4,797,915	1,781,908	10c	3,307,416
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			37,499,201	11	60,136,916
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets			908,413	14	613,706
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11				15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			66,047,009	16	81,700,540	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			13,023,016	17	13,522,890
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			25,582,874	19	32,734,354
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			38,605,890	26	46,257,244
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			27,145,209	27	35,176,316
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			245,910	28	216,980
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			50,000	29	50,000
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			27,441,119	33	35,443,296
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			66,047,009	34	81,700,540	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	152,213,859
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	146,657,634
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	5,556,225
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	27,441,119
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	2,445,952
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	35,443,296

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	Yes	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
Western Governors University

Employer identification number
84-1383926

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5

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An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**

11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

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Type I

b

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Type II

c

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Type III - Functionally integrated

d

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Type III - Other

e

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By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

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If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

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Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)


Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						



Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶		




Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here 						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions 		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization Western Governors University	Employer identification number 84-1383926
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization’s direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If “Yes,” describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	▶ \$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization’s funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		82,406													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		82,406													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		146,575,228													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		146,657,634													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		1,000,000													
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	281,581	90,641	55,264	82,406	509,892
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
	a Volunteers?			
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
	c Media advertisements?			
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
	i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total lines 1c through 1i				
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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Name of the organization
Western Governors University

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84-1383926

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)											
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically importantly land area</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure</div>										
2	Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
		<table><tr><td></td><td>Held at the End of the Year</td></tr><tr><td>a</td><td>Total number of conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Total acreage restricted by conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06</td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	a	Total number of conservation easements	b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
	Held at the End of the Year											
a	Total number of conservation easements											
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements											
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)											
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06											
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____											
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____											
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?											
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>											
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____											
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____											
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?											
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>											
9	In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance	119,032	94,690	137,000	
b	Contributions		54,877		
c	Investment earnings or losses	32,588	-24,535	-34,310	
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	6,720	6,000	8,000	
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance	144,900	119,032	94,690	

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 34 510 %

c

Term endowment ▶ 65 490 %

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings	536,942		33,048	503,894
c Leasehold improvements	474,071		147,802	326,269
d Equipment	7,030,138		4,555,133	2,475,005
e Other	64,180		61,932	2,248
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				3,307,416

Schedule D (Form 990) 2010

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2	152,213,859
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	146,657,634
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	2	5,556,225
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	2,445,952
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	2,445,952
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	8,002,177

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	154,502,002
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	2,445,952
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	158,465
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,604,417
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	151,897,585
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	316,274
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	316,274
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	152,213,859

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	146,499,825
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	158,465
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	158,465
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	146,341,360
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	316,274
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	316,274
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	146,657,634

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4	USE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS WILL BE USED TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS
PART X, LINE 2	FIN 48 FOOTNOTE	THE UNIVERSITY HAS NO TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN, IN A TAX RETURN THAT DO NOT MEET THE "MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT" CRITERIA. ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN MADE IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

►Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13,
or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Part I

1

Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

2

Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

3

Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe If "No," please explain If you need more space use Part II

4

Does the organization maintain the following?

a

Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?

b

Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?

c

Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

d

Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain If you need more space, use Part II

5

Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to

a

Students' rights or privileges?

b

Admissions policies?

c

Employment of faculty or administrative staff?

d

Scholarships or other financial assistance?

e

Educational policies?

f

Use of facilities?

g

Athletic programs?

h

Other extracurricular activities?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain If you need more space, use Part II

6a

Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

6b

Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II

7

Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II

YES

NO

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

Part II **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any other additional information (see instructions).

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE E		LINE 3 WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY'S POLICY ON NONDISCRIMINATION IS PROVIDED TO ALL POTENTIAL STUDENTS. ALL MEDIA SOLICITATIONS ADHERE TO THIS POLICY WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE. LINE 6A WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GOVERNMENTAL AID FOR ITS MISSION PURPOSES.

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed. ▶ ☐

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations ▶

Part IIIGrants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION WAIVERS	3219	5,597,264			

Part IVSupplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2		THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION WAIVERS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENTS ATTENDING THE UNYVERSITY AND ARE APPLIED TOWARDS THEIR TUITION

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Western Governors University

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Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>			
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization <div><div>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?</div><div>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div><div>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4a	Yes	
		4b		No
		4c		No
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of <div><div>a The organization?</div><div>b Any related organization?</div></div> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5a		No
		5b		No
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of <div><div>a The organization?</div><div>b Any related organization?</div></div> If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6a		No
		6b		No
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	Yes	
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8		No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9		

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) DR ROBERT MENDENHALL	(i) (ii)	318,501 0	466,500 0	0 0	20,015 0	22,485 0	827,501 0	
(2) PATRICK G PARTRIDGE	(i) (ii)	157,931 0	51,800 0	0 0	8,893 0	14,003 0	232,627 0	
(3) DAVID GROW	(i) (ii)	179,502 0	36,800 0	0 0	11,759 0	26,222 0	254,283 0	
(4) SAL MONACO	(i) (ii)	178,512 0	36,800 0	0 0	10,838 0	9,128 0	235,278 0	
(5) DAVID WILSON	(i) (ii)	162,613 0	21,800 0	0 0	9,933 0	17,219 0	211,565 0	
(6) KENNETH SORBER	(i) (ii)	131,257 0	11,800 0	0 0	8,155 0	11,758 0	162,970 0	
(7) JANET SCHNITZ	(i) (ii)	142,946 0	21,800 0	0 0	8,856 0	6,234 0	179,836 0	
(8) JANE A JONES-SCHENK	(i) (ii)	128,037 0	11,800 0	0 0	4,801 0	5,953 0	150,591 0	
(9)								
(10)								
(11)								
(12)								
(13)								
(14)								
(15)								
(16)								

Part IIISupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE J, PART I		LINE 4 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED SEVERANCE PAYMENTS: ALEC TESTA \$90,500, MARY RAMIREZ \$78,750. LINE 7 The Compensation Committee of the Board of Trustees determines the bonus types, bonus potentials, and the performance goals for the President at the beginning of the fiscal year. The amount of bonus actually paid at the end of the fiscal year is based on the Board's evaluation of the President's performance. The President is authorized by the Board to determine the bonus potentials and performance goals of the University's managers and to determine the amount of bonus actually paid at the end of the fiscal year based on the President's evaluation of the managers' performance.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions with Interested Persons
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V lines 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c)Original principal amount	(d)Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g)Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total ▶ \$ _____										

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b)Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c)Amount of grant or type of assistance

Part IV

Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) JENNIFER GERINGER	EMPLOYEE	51,790	WAGES TO DAUGHTER OF TRUSTEE		No
(2) PATRICK PARTRIDGE JR	EMPLOYEE	29,131	WAGES TO SON OF KEY EMPLOYEE		No
(3) JAMIE RICE	EMPLOYEE	11,519	WAGES TO DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT		No
(4) KATHLEEN MENDENHALL	EMPLOYEE	10,240	WAGES TO DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT		No

Part V

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.****▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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FORM 990, PART VI		<p>SECTION A, LINE 5 SIGNIFICANT DIVERSION OF ASSETS - In February 2011, the organization discovered that the former controller of the organization had embezzled a total of \$526,781 by writing fraudulent checks during September and October of 2010. The organization has since recovered all but \$10,577 of the stolen funds. Internal investigations and inquiries found no evidence that would indicate any knowledge, collusion or participation in this theft by any other employee(s) of the organization. The organization formally prosecuted the individual and has taken steps to improve their internal controls and accounting procedures to help prevent fraud in the future.</p> <p>SECTION B, LINE 11A PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990 - A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS FIRST REVIEWED BY THE CONTROLLER AND CFO. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees is provided a draft copy of the Form 990 for review. The return is signed and submitted after each member of the committee has completed their review. A final copy of the Form 990 is distributed to the entire Board of Trustees following the filing of the return.</p> <p>SECTION B, LINE 12C MONITORING AND ENFORCING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY - The University's conflict of interest policy is documented in the Employee Handbook. Each new employee is required to sign a declaration that they have read and understand the University's Employee Handbook. The University relies on its employees to self-monitor and self-report compliance to all employee policies and procedures including conflict of interest issues. Any reported violations of the conflict of interest policy are aggressively investigated and properly resolved.</p> <p>SECTION B, LINE 15B PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION - Every five years, the University hires a compensation consulting firm to review the compensation of its President, officers, and key employees and compares this information to other Universities throughout the country. Based on this review, the consultants make recommendations to the University concerning the compensation of these individuals. The most recent review was performed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. Annually, the University performs the following procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reviews compensation information of other Universities throughout the country. This information is obtained from 990's for nonprofit Universities and 10k filings for proprietary Universities.2. Participates in a nationwide employee compensation survey.3. The President reviews the officers and key employees' personal performance for the previous fiscal year in relation to goals and objectives previously established for that individual and the University as a whole. Based on this review, the President determines any compensation adjustments for the current fiscal year.4. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Trustees reviews the President's personal performance for the previous fiscal year in relation to previously established goals and objectives of the University. Based on this review, the Committee determines any compensation adjustments for the President in the current fiscal year. The Committee establishes goals and objectives for the President for the current fiscal year. <p>SECTION C, LINE 19 THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AFTER RECEIPT OF A TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE.</p>

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI		LINE 5 UNREALIZED GAINS

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) WGU INDIANA INC 4001 SOUTH 700 EAST SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84107 27-3530075	SCHOOL	IN	501(C)(3)	PENDING	WGU		

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1

During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a

Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f

Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g

Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h

Exchange of assets

i

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

j

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

k

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n

Sharing of paid employees

o

Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p

Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q

Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r

Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

1e

1f

1g

1h

1i

1j

1k

1l

1m

1n

1o

1p

1q

1r

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

2

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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